

City LG - February 2-3, 2019

Bible Story: Gotta Serve Somebody (Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet) • *John 13:1-17*

Bottom Line: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

Memory Verse: “Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone.’” *Mark 9:35, NIV*

CG: 2-Minute Countdown

WORSHIP: Movin' Me and Higher than the Sky

“Hi, everyone! It’s so great to see you all here today. I’ve been really excited to tell you about today’s story from the Bible, so let’s get started.

“Jesus and the disciples were going to celebrate Passover together. The Jewish people celebrated Passover each year because it helped them remember how God had rescued the Israelites from Egypt long ago. They would enjoy a feast together, and then they would share the story again of how God had rescued their people.

“As Jesus and the disciples were traveling, Jesus asked Peter and John to go ahead of the group to find a place for the feast and to prepare it. They met a man Jesus had told them to look for, and he showed them a room they could use for the feast. Peter and John prepared everything for the feast that Jesus and His disciples would share together.”

“As Jesus and the rest of the disciples arrived, they were probably very tired from walking such a long way. Now, let me explain something about the way people ate a meal back then. They didn’t sit in chairs at a table like we do today. They sat lounged around a low table. So you could be eating your food with your friend’s feet right in your face! That’s pretty gross, right? But wait! There’s more. Let’s rewind this situation just a bit.”

“As Jesus and His friends were traveling to this Passover feast, they would have been wearing thin sandals . . . or maybe no shoes at all. And they would have been walking on dirt roads that were VERY dirty. While walking on the roads, Jesus and His disciples would have stepped in dirt, for sure. There was probably also lots of mud—especially if it had rained recently.”

“That’s pretty gross! They would have been close to some sandy deserts, too, so they probably would have walked through some sand. And, you know, back then there were lots of animals walking around on the streets, and those animals didn’t really have bathrooms to use . . . so . . . yeah. By the time Jesus and His disciples arrived at the Passover meal, their feet weren’t just dirty. They were DISGUSTING! (*Point down at your feet.*) I don’t know about you, but I would NOT want to eat with those gross feet anywhere near my face! But Jesus did something amazing with dirty feet. That’s what our story is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:10)

“When Jesus washed the disciples’ feet, He showed them what service looks like. Jesus is the Son of God, so He was definitely the most important person in the room. But Jesus chose to serve everyone else instead of trying to prove He was more important. We should serve others like He did.

“Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sin so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. When we choose to serve others, it’s one way we can show how thankful we are for everything Jesus did. Let’s say our Bottom Line together...”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

“Now, that doesn’t mean that we should necessarily go around washing each other’s feet. That isn’t something we really need to do in 2019. But we do have lots of chances to serve each other—to lend a hand to help someone else.”

“So, the next time your mom asks for help setting the table for dinner or your little brother asks you to help him find his favorite toy, remember what Jesus did for us. Choose to show love by serving others.

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“Before we head to Small Group and find out some ways we can serve, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s a picture of some homes in Nairobi!”

CG: Kenyan Homes JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:30)

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